

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on September 17, 2008.

Claim 2 is amended, and claims 10-18 are canceled. Claims 1-9 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 2 and 11 were objected to. Claim 2 has been amended to overcome the objection, and claim 11 has been cancelled.

§102 and §103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 10, and 17-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lenglet et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0106538; hereinafter “Lenglet”). Claims 10, 12, and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Edlund et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0045061; hereinafter “Edlund”). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Edlund as applied to claim 10 above, and further evidenced by Clawson et al. (U.S. 6,641,625; hereinafter “Clawson”). Claims 13-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lenglet as applied to claim 10 above, and further in view of Michalko (U.S. 3,714,071). Claims 10-18 have been cancelled. The rejections are traversed for the record, however, and Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims similar or identical to the cancelled claims in one or more continuation applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 3-9 were allowed. Claim 2 was indicated to be allowable if an amendment is made to overcome the objection set forth above. Claim 2 has been amended overcome the objection. Applicant believes that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (847) 432-7302 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

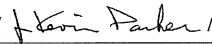
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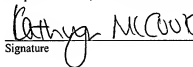
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